

REMARKS

The Applicant respectfully points out that the claims of the above-identified application for patent are not limited to "PCR". In contrast the claims recite "polymerase amplification reaction" which generally refers to nucleic acid polymerase reactions well-known to those of ordinary skill in the art, i.e., nucleic acid amplification (synthesis) by means of a polymerase.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1943.

Respectfully submitted,



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